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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
MacPherson, Gary – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's
Reilly, M.D., Ian – Scripps La Jolla
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Royer, R.N., Diane
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Medical Serv. Enterprise
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Kelly, R.N., Donna – UCSD ROC
Lawrence, Blenna – UCSD ROC
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Quinn, R.N., Michele – Children's
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Soroudi, Arash – UCSD
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air
Vivieros, R.N., Dinarle – Children's

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Jamil Madati, M.D., Seconded by Ian Reilly, M.D., to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2008 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

New State EMSA Medical Director: Steven Tharatt, M.D., has been appointed as State EMS Director effective April 24, 2008. Dr. Tharatt has served at UC Davis Medical Center as Professor of Medicine and Anesthesiology and Vice-Chief in the Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine. He is also the Medical Director for Sacramento EMS and the Sacramento City and County Fire Departments since 1995. He has also been Associate Regional Medical Director for the California Poison Control System since 1989.

Dr. Tharatt received his Doctor of Medicine degree from UCLA, a Masters in Public Health from UC Davis and a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences from UC Riverside.

Bypass/Offload Delays: Bypass hours and the number of patients who bypass the requested hospital are down from earlier in the year, but still above the previous baseline. EMS continues to review as offloads are a particular concern.

Safe Surrender: Fire stations are now added to the locations where a mother or other person can surrender a newborn within 72 hours of birth. Obtaining the family medical history before the mother/caretaker leaves is highly desirable.

Protocol Revisions: Dr. Haynes reviewed the following protocols with attendees: S-123, S-134, S-136 and S-142. These go into effect July 1, 2008.

STEMI Update: Door-to-balloon times have been reduced by 50% and field and hospital care is excellent.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Cheryl Graydon, R.N.)

The BHNC's met last month with Barbara Stepanski, County EMS, to clarify data. Next month the BHNC's will present the annual PAC report for 2006-07.

V. ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The City of San Diego has come back onto the ROC program and the community consultation has been completed with the City. That has been submitted back to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval. Politicians from various levels attended some of the meetings. The City has trained their responders on the Hypertonic Saline Study so that should be up in a month or two.

The Cardiac Arrest Study has been more challenging because very few agencies are doing the CPR process analysis. A staged implementation is planned to bring agencies up to speed slowly.

VI. CARES PROGRAM (Jim Dunford, M.D.)

CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) is a program developed as a cooperative agreement between the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in 2004 with Brian McNally, M.D., as the Principal Investigator and Allie Park, M.P.H., Program

Coordinator. This is the first time there has been a national attempt to identify cardiac arrest in the field brought to hospitals so that communities could know what their survival rates are.

More people die from Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) than die from AIDS, breast cancer and lung cancer combined.

It is anticipated that Dr. McNally will come to San Diego and meet with Judith Yates, Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, hospital chief executive officers and EMS regarding bringing the CARES program to San Diego in the future. CARES representatives did present the program at EMDAC (Emergency Medical Director's Association of California) and EMSAAC (Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California).

VII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Bruce Haynes, M.D./Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

HACOT meets May 21, 2008. The group has been discussing drills with a focus on a lockdown July drill with UCSD and Scripps Mercy. A California drill will be held in November. Wilma Wooten, M.D., Public Health Director, and Ms. Yates are Co-Chairs.

VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

All San Diego County hospitals have submitted their HPP (Healthcare Preparedness Program) Year Six applications for funding.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Dr. Glasser will bring a training video on Agitated Delirium from the prehospital perspective.

The issue of "cuffed" vs. "un-cuffed tubes" will probably be discussed.

Dr. Dunford suggested discussing Amiodarone and Intranasal Narcan and Intranasal Midazolam.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS